

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claims 1-8 are cancelled and claims 9-21 are added. This leaves claims 1-8 pending in the application, with claims 9 and 17 being independent.

Substitute Specification

The specification is revised to eliminate grammatical and idiomatic errors in the originally presented specification. The number and nature of the changes made in the specification would render it difficult to consider the case and to arrange the papers for printing or copying. Thus, the substitute specification will facilitate processing of the application. The substitute specification includes no "new matter". Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 608.01(q), voluntarily filed, substitute specifications under these circumstances should normally be accepted. A marked-up copy of the original specification is appended hereto.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claim 9 essentially combines the limitations of claims 1 and 4-6, but with the ends of the crosspieces remote from the piston inside wall terminating in a cylindrical hollow receiving ring (as shown in Figs. 2a and 2b) or an axially extending linkage member (as shown in Figs. 3a and 3b). This claim is believed to be allowable for reasons similar to those for original claim 6 that was indicated as being allowable. Thus claim 9, and claims 10-16 dependent thereon, are allowable. The record will not be burdened with a comparison of the claimed subject matter and the cited patents.

Claim 17 combines the limitations of original claims 1, 4, 5 and 7 to constitute claim 7 rewritten in independent form. Since claim 7 was indicated as being allowable if so rewritten,

claim 17 and claims 18-21 dependent thereon should be allowable such that the record will not be burdened with a comparison of the claimed subject matter and the cited patents.

In view of the foregoing, claims 9-21 are allowable. Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

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